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For: SOLVENT EXTRACTION METHOD AND APPARATUS

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Sir:

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.84(a)(2) TO ACCEPT COLOR PHOTOGRAPH(S)

Subject to the approval of the Examiner, it is respectfully requested that FIGS. 4 and 5 in the above-captioned application be accepted in color. Three (3) sets of color photographs, one (1) set of black and white photocopies, and a requisite \$130 fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(h) have been filed with the application. It is believed that color photographs are the only practicable medium for the claimed invention for reasons outlined below.

As described in the corresponding patent application, the present invention relates to a method and apparatus for solvent extraction. Fig. 4 illustrates the separation of phases that occurs in a mixer-settler according to the present invention. Fig. 5 illustrates the flow direction and speed of fluids in mixture-settler according to the present invention. Black and white drawings could not readily capture the number of variables conveyed in the color drawings.

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Accordingly, acceptance of FIGS. 4 and 5 executed in color is hereby respectfully requested.

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